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### **Sandbagged: DEA Case Nets 400 Arrests, \$45 Million, and 18 Tons of Drugs**

#### **Operation Imperial Emperor also uncovers sandbag bridge from U.S. to Mexico**

Two years ago this phenomenal case began with just a traffic stop. That single stop led to one of our largest drug busts in 10 years and the dismantling of an organization that we now know was smuggling multi-tons of drugs on a monthly basis to distribution cells located in *every region* of the United States.

[Click here to read the Operation Imperial Emperor Press Release](#)

[Click here to see images of the sandbag bridge and other photos from the case](#)

[Click here to see Operation Imperial Emperor video footage](#)

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### **Losing Bid: Meth Trafficker Caught Buying Chemicals on eBay**

Excellent cyber-sleuthing led to the arrest of an Austin, Texas, man who was buying chemicals he needed to make methamphetamine from eBay, the on-line auction site. Local law enforcement and DEA caught on when Ted Booker regularly bought quantities of iodine crystals.

[Click here for coverage of this story by the local NBC affiliate](#)

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## **Pennsylvania Middle School Principal Arrested for Dealing Drugs**

Sadly, it is stories like these that make parents lose sleep at night and inspire DEA agents to work long, hard hours. Last week, DEA Arrested Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, principal John Acerra, who was not only selling methamphetamine, he was selling it from his office on school grounds.

[Click here for the DEA press release about the arrest](#)

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Did you know that prescription drug abuse is skyrocketing? In just five years, the number of Americans abusing prescription drugs rose more than 2/3 – from 3.8 million, to 6.4 million. Find out how you can safely dispose of your old medications so that your throwaways don't contribute to the problem. [Click here to read disposal guidelines.](#)